GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:59
ANSWERED ON:20.07.2016
Rail Wheel Testing Centre
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether rail wheels presently produced in the country are being sent to United States for its testing;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount incurred for wheel testing in USA;

(c) whether the Rail India Technical and Economic Service (RITES) has initiated the work for setting up of country's first design development and testing centre;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the place/city identified to set up the proposed centre; and

(e) the amount earmarked and allocated during this financial year and the time by which the proposed testing centre is likely to be operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 59 BY DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN AND SHRI P. NAGARAJAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.07.2016 REGARDING RAIL WHEEL TESTING CENTRE

(a) Only wheels developed to new designs by Rail Wheel Factory
(RWF), Bengaluru, are sent to Transportation Technology Corporation Inc. (TTCI)/USA for design validation and performance review.
(b) So far, three types of cast wheels have been sent by RWF for testing to TTCI/USA at a total cost of ?5.13 crores.
(c) Yes, Madam. Work has been assigned to Rail India Technical and Economic Service (RITES) in March, 2016.
(d) The proposed Design, Development and Testing Centre has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of ?57.75 crores, at Rail Wheel Factory, Yelahanka, Bengaluru.
(e) ?1 crore has been earmarked and allocated during the current year. The project duration is approx. 36 months.

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